



NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 30, 2003

CONTACTS:

Kyle Smith, Director of Public & Governmental Affairs

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

(785) 296-8290

kyle.smith@kbi.state.ks.us

Lisa Counts, Director of Marketing & Portal Operations

accessKansas

(785) 296-5674

lisa@ink.org

Verify Private Investigators Online

TOPEKA, Kansas – Attorney General Phill Kline and Kansas Bureau of Investigation Director Larry Welch announced the launch of the Online Private Investigation License Verification service via accessKansas (www.accessKansas.org), the official Web site for the state of Kansas. The service gives the public the ability to verify the license status of independent private detectives and private investigation agencies, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Consumers and businesses can search to verify license information by agency or detective license number, agency name, detective name, Kansas county, state or zip code. The Attorney General's office is in charge of licensing private investigators in Kansas. There are currently more than 700 detectives or agencies licensed in the state of Kansas by the KBI, a division of the Attorney General's office.

This application is beneficial to consumers specifically for identifying both private investigation agencies and independent private detectives that are in good standing with the KBI. The system updates licensee information weekly.

"The use of the Internet has allowed us to provide more information and services to the public, even in these tight financial times." Director Welch stated. "We hope the information available regarding private investigators will help the public be better consumers and in dealing with that profession."

Visit the online verification system at the KBI Web site (www.accessKansas.org/kbi/) or at the state home page at www.accessKansas.org.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation, a division of the Attorney General's office, has partnered with the Information Network of Kansas, Inc., for this service. The Information Network of Kansas is the agency responsible for accessKansas, the official state Web portal (www.accessKansas.org), and provider of electronic government solutions for the state. The network manager for the portal is Kansas Information Consortium, a subsidiary of NIC Inc., the People Behind eGovernment™ (Nasdaq: EGOV).